

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE WOLFE COUNTY SHERIFF

Calendar Year 2000

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE WOLFE COUNTY SHERIFF

Calendar Year 2000

The Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the Wolfe County Sheriff's audit for calendar year 2000. We have issued an unqualified opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statement is presented fairly in all material respects.

Financial Condition:

Revenues decreased by \$24,502 from the prior year and disbursements decreased by \$26,221.

Deposits:

The Sheriff's deposits were insured and collateralized by bank securities or bonds.

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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the County Sheriff of Wolfe County Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2000. This financial statement is the responsibility of the County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the <u>Audit Guide for County Fee Officials</u> issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the County Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statement is not intended to present financial position and results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the County Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2000, in conformity with the basis of accounting described above.

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In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued a report dated July 10, 2001, on our consideration of the County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward B. Hatchett, Jr. Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed - July 10, 2001

WOLFE COUNTY HENRY V. DUNN, SHERIFF STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND EXCESS FEES

Calendar Year 2000

Receipts

Federal Grants		\$ 5,000
State Fees For Services:		
Finance and Administration Cabinet	\$ 11,548	
Deputy Incentive Pay	9,308	20,856
Circuit Court Clerk:		
Sheriff Security Service	\$ 15,413	
Fines and Fees Collected	9,540	
Court Ordered Payments	200	25,153
Fiscal Court		8,740
County Clerk - Delinquent Taxes		1,115
Commission On Taxes Collected		38,848
Fees Collected For Services:		
Auto Inspections	\$ 1,560	
Accident and Police Reports	386	
Serving Papers	6,225	
Sheriff's Add-On Fees	4,186	
Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapon Permits	 1,830	14,187
Other:		
Calendar Reimbursement	\$ 500	
Sheriff's Execution Sale	1,800	
Miscellaneous	 893	3,193
Interest Earned		 1,073
Gross Receipts		\$ 118,165

WOLFE COUNTY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND EXCESS FEES Calendar Year 2000 (Continued)

Disbursements

Personnel Services-		
Deputies' Salaries	\$ 25,951	
Kentucky State Treasurer-		
Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapons Permits	1,230	
Contracted Services-		
Execution Sale Proceeds	1,695	
Advertising	99	
Computer Services - Taxes	671	
Material and Supplies-		
Office Materials and Supplies	3,441	
Uniforms	3,692	
Auto Expense-		
Gasoline	10,001	
Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs	11,912	
Radio Equipment	2,541	
Other Charges-		
Postage	308	
Miscellaneous	 1,207	
Total Disbursements		\$ 62,748
Net Receipts		\$ 55,417
Less: Statutory Maximum		 55,070
Excess Fees		\$ 347
Payment to County Treasurer - February 6, 2001		\$ 347
Balance Due at Completion of Audit		\$ 0

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statement.

WOLFE COUNTY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 31, 2000

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Fund Accounting

A fee official uses a fund to report on the results of operations. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fee official uses a fund for fees to account for activities for which the government desires periodic determination of the excess of receipts over disbursements to facilitate management control, accountability, and compliance with laws.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statement has been prepared on a modified cash basis of accounting which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Under this basis of accounting, certain receipts and certain expenditures are recognized as a result of accrual at December 31, 2000.

The measurement focus of a fee official is upon excess fees. Remittance of excess fees is due to the County Treasurer in the subsequent year.

C. Cash and Investments

At the direction of the fiscal court, KRS 66.480 authorizes the County Sheriff's office to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

Note 2. Employee Retirement System

The county officials and employees have elected to participate in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS), pursuant to KRS 78.530 administered by the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems. This is a multiple-employer public retirement system that covers all eligible full-time employees. Benefit contributions and provisions are established by statute. Nonhazardous covered employees are required to contribute 5.0 percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for nonhazardous employees was 6.34 percent.

Benefits fully vest on reaching five years of service for nonhazardous employees. Aspects of benefits for nonhazardous employees include retirement after 27 years of service or age 65.

WOLFE COUNTY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT December 31, 2000 (Continued)

Note 2 Employee Retirement System (Continued)

Historical trend information pertaining to CERS' progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is present in the Kentucky Retirement Systems' annual financial report which is a matter of public record.

Note 3. Deposits:

The Sheriff maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). According to KRS 66.480(1)(d) and KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the Sheriff and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution. These requirements were met, and as of December 31, 2000, the Sheriff's deposits were fully insured or collateralized at a 100% level with collateral of either pledged securities held by the Sheriff's agent in the Sheriff's name, or provided surety bond which named the Sheriff as beneficiary/obligee on the bond.

4. Grants

In 1995 the office of the Sheriff was awarded a grant under the Police Hiring Supplemental Program from the U. S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$51,213, to be extended over four years. At the end of Calendar year 1999 there was a balance of \$6,748. During the calendar year 2000, the Sheriff received funds totaling \$7,040 plus earned interest of \$67. Grant funds of \$13,855 were expended during calendar year 2000, closing out the grant award.

In 2000 the office of the Sheriff was awarded a grant under the COPS MORE00 Program from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$12,265. No funds were expended during calendar year 2000 leaving the grant balance of \$12,265 as of December 31, 2000.

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS



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Report On Compliance And On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of The Financial Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

We have audited the Wolfe County Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated July 10, 2001. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Wolfe County Sheriff's financial statement for the year ended December 31, 2000, is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Wolfe County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statement being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Report On Compliance And On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of The Financial Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards (Continued)

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified party.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward B. Hatchett, Jr. Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed - July 10, 2001